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### 1. INDOCHINA

VN MFA SAYS HANOI READY "CONSIDER AND SOLVE WITH GOODWILL" MIA ISSUE/REPATRIATION REMAINS US DEAD. ADDS USG SHOULD ADOPT SIMILAR ATTITUDE. REFERS TO CMTE BEING SENT BY PRES CARTER; SAYS IF US SHOWS PROPER CONCERN ABOUT POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION, MTG WILL BE "FRUITFUL AND BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES" (WSTAR 3/3; AP, SUN; WP).

US EASES TRADE EMBARGO SLIGHTLY. ANNOUNCES FOREIGN SHIPS/PLANES THAT CALLED THERE/OR BOUND FOR VN MIGHT REFUEL IN US (AP WP, NYT). DOS SPOKESMAN CALLS MOVE CONSISTENT W/US UNCLASSIFIED

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OBJECTIVES OF IMPROVING RELS W/VN (AP, WP).

GRAHAM MARTIN, LAST US AMB TO SVN, RETIRES FROM DOS, MAY WRITE BOOK (EVE GLOBE 3/1).

CAMBODIA TURNS DOWN 3.3 MILLION DOL INTEREST-FREE LOAN OFFERED BY OPEC. REASON NOT KNOWN (WP).

#### 2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

IN STORY RE REFUGEES SETTLED IN ARKANSAS, KNEELAND (NYT) NOTES READY MOBILITY OF REFUGEES FROM STATE TO STATE. NOTES SOME LAOTIANS BROUGHT IN TO REPLACE DEPARTED VIETS IN POULTRY PROCESSING PLANS DESPITE SHORTENED WORK WK, SINCE "ALTERNATIVE WAS LEAVING THEM IN THE CAMPS IN THAILAND."

#### 3. THAILAND

COMMUNIST INSURGENTS AMBUSH 3-VEHICLE CONVOY N THAILAND, KILL 29 CIVILIANS IN BLOODIEST ATTACT OF 12-YR CONFLICT. VILLAGERS REPORTEDLY RETURNING FROM RTG TRAINING SEMINAR RUN BY PSYWAR OFFICERS. IN ANOTHER ATTACK 3/3, INSURGENTS HIT OUTPOST, KILL 5 POLICE 60 MI S OF BANGKOK (AP, SUN).

#### 4. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS ANNOUNCES NEGOTS IN LIBYA BETW GOP/MOSLEM SEPARATISTS RECESSED W/O PRODUCING ANY "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" (WP).

PHIL AMB TO EGYPT ACCUSES US NEWSMAN WIDEMAN OF FABRICATING REPORTS IN WP/FE ECON REVIEW ON MOSLEM REBELLION MINDANAO. CHARGE CAME IN CABLE AT MANILA HEARING CONSIDERING WIDEMAN'S EXPULSION. DEFENSE CALLS ACCUSATION "UNSUPPORTED OPINION" (WP). UNCLASSIFIED

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### 5. SINGAPORE

EIGHT BUSINESSMEN/LAWYERS, 1 JOURNALIST BEING HELD FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION W/"THEIR PRO-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES" (WP).

#### 6. JAPAN

IN WP INTERVIEW, HODGSON SAYS HE BELIEVES "CERTAIN AMOUNT" REARMING WOULD BE GOOD FOR JAPAN, BUT US PUBLIC OPINION WON'T PERMIT WASHINGTON ADVOCATE IT. ADDS US CONCERN SHOULD BE JAPAN'S "ABSOLUTE UNWILLINGNESS" ARM EVEN FOR SELF-DEFENSE. AMB CITES COUNTRY'S PRINCIPAL SECURITY CONCERN NOW SK, AS JAPANESE "DEATHLY AFRAID" OF SHOOTING WAR BETW NK-SK AFTER REMOVAL US TROOPS. HODGSON AFFIRMS CARTER POL GRADUAL TROOP REDUCTION AFTER CONSULTATION W/JAPAN, SK. SUGGESTS US SEND ADDITIONAL AIR WING SK/OR DISPATCH NEW WEAPONS SYSTEM THERE IN ORDER DEMONSTRATE TO NK US SECURITY COMMITMENT UNDIMINISHED (OBERDORFER).

MOST PAPERS CARRY STORY 4 FOLLOWERS ULTRA-RIGHT WING NO-VELIST MISHIMA WHO SEIZED KEIDANREN HDQTRS W/GUNS/SWORD, HELD 12 HOSTAGES FOR 11 HRS BEFORE SURRENDERING EARLY 3/4. GROUP ATTACKED POTSDAM/YALTA AGREEMENTS, CALLED FOR RE- VISION JAPAN'S CONSTITUTION/ABROGATION US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY (SAAR, WP; AP, NYT; UPI, BALT NA; REUTER TOKYO; SUN).

BOEING DESCRIBES AS GROUNDLESS PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT SEC INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE IMPROPER PAYMENTS NOW CENTERING SPECIFICALLY ON OFFICIALS FROM JAPAN/CANADA/PORTUGAL/EGYPT. CORP SPOKESMAN SAYS NOTHING SUPPORTS CONCLUSION THAT THOSE 4 ANY MORE SIGNIFICANT, OR THAT SEC VIEWS THEM AS MORE SIGNIFICANT, THAN ANY OTHER 48 UNDER INVESTIGATION (REUTER 3/3). UNCLASSIFIED

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JAPANESE CONSUMER GROUPS HAVE SENT CARTER LETTER OPPOSING USE ANTISEPTIC AGENT (ORTHOPHENYLPHENOL) ON AMERICAN CITRUS FRUIT EXPORTED TO JAPAN. GROUPS ALSO APPEALED TO HEALTH/WELFARE MINISTRY/POL PARTIES AGAINST POSSIBLE RESUMPTION IMPORTS TREATED FRUIT. CHEMICAL ALLOWED IN US, NOT JAPAN. GROUPS FEEL USG WILL DEMAND LIFTING OF BAN AT UPCOMING CARTER/FUKUDA TALKS; MONDALE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN UP MATTER DURING TOKYO VISIT (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPANESE TV MFRS EXPECT ITC RULING IN FAVOR US TV INDUSTRY COMPLAINTS JAPANESE IMPORTS INJURING US MARKET/EXPECT ITC URGE CARTER RESTRICT IMPORTS. JAPAN ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY ASSN SPOKESMAN SAYS IF THIS HAPPENS, GOJ WILL ASK PRES NOT TAKE STRONG STEPS RESTRICT IMPORTS/ADDS ISSUE WILL BE RAISED AT CARTER/FUKUDA TALKS (REUTER TOKYO 3/3).

US DOL FELL IN TOKYO THURS; DEALERS SAY SPECULATION THAT JAPANESE CENTRAL BANK SOON WILL CUT LENDING RATE TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, BUT OTHER INTEREST RATES AREN'T CERTAIN FOLLOW (WSJ).

TWO US CONCERNS SIGNED JOINT LICENSING AGREEMENT W/NIPPON STEEL TO ALLOW THEM MFR/SELL NIPPON'S CONTINUOUS ANNEAL-ING/PROCESSING LINES IN US/CANADA (WSJ).

### 7. JAPAN/CHINA

DURING 2ND MTG THURS JAPAN-CHINA MIXED CMTE ON TRADE, TOKYO/PEKING REPS AGREED TAKE STEPS REVITALIZE BILATERAL TRADE THIS YR. JAPAN'S OIL IMPORTS FROM PRC EXPECTED RISE, THO PVT BUSINESS CIRCLES EXPECT ONLY SLIGHT INCREASES IN GENERAL TRADE (CULLISON, JOC).

8. CHINA

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AS DEBATE ON PEKING VACANCIES COUNTINUES, PRC HAS FILLED VACANT PARTY CHIEF POSITIONS IN THREE FACTION-RIDDEN PROVINCES: TIEH YING, CHIKIANG; HSU CHIA-TUN, KIANGSU; LIU KUANG-TAO, HEILUNGKIANG. WP'S MATHEWS (HK) AND REUTER (PEKING) CARRY BRIEF ITEM OF LIU'S APPOINTMENT TO POSITIONS IN "SENSITIVE" HEILUNGKIANG PROVINCE.

PD REPORTS HUA/"GANG OF FOUR" POWER STRUGGLE ALSO INVOLVED CONTROVERSY OVER MODEL WORKER TENG HSIANG-ERH, WHOSE DEVOTION TO WORK/REFUSAL TAKE VACATION PROMPTED "GANG OF FOUR" FOLLOWERS DESCRIBE HIM AS "HORRIBLE EXAMPLE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PUTTING PRODUCTION FIRST" (TOKYO UPI IN BALT NA, 3/3)

LAST WEEK KUWAITI OIL TANKER ("BORAG") SPILLED APPROX 10,000 TONS OF OIL, CONTAMINATING 50 MILES TAIWAN COAST-LINE, THREATENING LIVELIHOOD 50,000 TAIWANESE DEPENDENT UPON FISHING INDUSTRY (TAIPEI SPECIAL TO NYT 3/3).

#### 9. HONG KONG

HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE PEOPLE RESCUED 3/2 FROM OUTLAYING ISLANDS FERRY WHICH COLLIDED WITH MACAO-BOUND HYDROFOIL. EIGHTEEN PEOPLE ABROAD FERRY INJURED.

OVER 4,000 PERSONS EXPECTED ATTEND HK'S 10TH ANNUAL READY-TO-WEAR FESTIVAL WHICH OPENS 3/5 AND HAS BECOME "MUST" EVENT IN FASHION WORLD (TIER, JOC).

### 10. KOREA

ATTY GEN BELL SAYS INVESTIGATION "ALL SUBSTANTIAL LEADS" IN KCIA CASE CONTINUING, INTENDS PROSECUTE CASES WHERE PROOF CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS FOUND. DOJ SOURCES SAY STATEMENT ISSUES AFTER SENATE JUDICIARY CMTE MEMBER EXPRESSED FEAR PROBE MAY BE CLOSED PREMATURELY, AND SAFIRE COLUMN LINCLASSIFIED.

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(NYT 3/2) SUGGESTED ADMIN MIGHT BE ATTEMPTING COVER-UP TO PROTECT DEMS IN CONGRESS (MARRO, NYT). BELL ALSO SAID HE WOULD MEET FRI W/DOJ ATTYS TO DISCUSS "FULL STATUS REPORT," PLEDGED INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN "THOROUGH AND UNRELENTING MANNER" (AP, WP; REUTER 3/3).

KOREA ELECTRIC HAS SIGNED CONTRACTS TOTALING NEARLY 20 MIL DOLS W/ERDA/WESTINGHOUSE/ALLIED CHEM, FOR PROCESSING NUKE FUEL OVERSEAS FOR ITS NO. 2 NUKE POWER PLANT. COMPANY SPOKESMAN SAYS FIRM HAS ALREADY PURCHASED URANIUM IN UNNAMED COUNTRY FOR PLANT IT EXPECTS HAVE COMPLETED BY 1983 (WSJ).

11. INDONESIA

NYT'S ANDELMAN DOES ARTICLE ON GOI'S USE TRADITIONAL SHADOW-PLAYS TO GET ACROSS POL MESSAGES ON EVERYTHING FROM FARMING TECHNIQUES TO BIRTH CONTROL. SHADOW-PLAY SCHOLAR CALLS IT "MOST WIDESPREAD, UNIVERSAL AND EFFECTIVE MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIUM IN INDONESIA."

#### 12. ADD NEWS - PHILIPPINES

MARCOS OFFERS 1,000-DOL REWARD TO ANYONE DISCOVERING/EXPLOITING NEW URANIUM SOURCES. PRES ALSO DECLARED OPERATORS/LEASEES URANIUM CONCESSIONS WOULD IN FUTURE BE ABLE PROCESS/REFINE IT-ACTIVITY PREVIOUSLY RESTRICTED TO GOVT AGENCIES (REUTER MANILA 3/3).

AT LEAST 12 FON BANKS, INCL 5 US/1 JAPANESE, HAVE APPLIED SET UP OFFSHORE BANKING OPNS IN PHILS, WHICH PERMITS BANKS TAKE DEPOSITS/ISSUE LOANS IN FON CURRENCIES TO FON LENDERS/BORROWERS (REUTER MANILA 3/3).

#### 13. GENERAL

ITC RULES SUGAR IMPORTS INJURING/THREATENING INJURE DOMES-UNCLASSIFIED

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TIC PRODUCERS. ACTION CLEARS WAY FOR TARIFF PANEL, PROBABLY NEXT WK, DECIDE WHAT RESTRICTIONS RECOMMEND TO PRES CARTER (WSJ). ACTION COULD LEAD TO HIGHER SUGAR PRICES (UPI, NYT). SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPECTED HAVE REDUCED SHARE US MKT AS RESULT ITC DECISION (REUTER WASHINGTON).

### COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 14. CHINA

HARSCH (CSM) SAYS THINGS NOT GOING WELL FOR BREZHNEV AND SOVIET FAILURE IMPROVE RELS WITH NEW PRC LEADERSHIP ADDING TO HIS WOES. NOTES ILYCHIEV'S RECENT THREE-MONTH CHINA STAY AND SOVIET EFFORTS REOPEN DIALOGUE WITH PEKING PRODUCED NO RESULTS/COMMUNIQUE. PEKING STILL CONSIDERS MOSCOW NO. 1 ENEMY. MOREOVER, DURING ILYCHIEV VISIT, FOUR MAJOR PRC CONFERENCES FOCUSED ON PRC DEFENSE; THERE WERE INDICATIONS PRC HAS BEGUN TENTATIVE SHOPPING FOR NEW WEAPONRY, SUCH AS HARRIER WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED ALONG SINOSOVIET BORDER; SCHLESINGER VISITED, AND HE HAD CHINESE LEADERS URGED ONE ANOTHER IMPROVE ANTI-SOV DEFENSES. SAYS AS HUA-CARTER CONCENTRATE MASTERING JOBS, NOTHING SPECTACULAR OCCURRED IN SINO-US RELATIONSHIP BUT CHANNEL OPEN. MOSCOW'S FAILURE MOVE OUT OF DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION IN

TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP IS SITUATION TO CARTER'S ADVANTAGE, AS BREZHNEV OBLIGED BE CIRCUMSPECT, FACES HOST OF

TROUBLES AT HOME AND WITH INDEPENDENT-MINDED EURO-COMMUNIST PARTIES.

#### 15. BURMA

MORITZ (CSM) SAYS GUB HUNTS FRESH LOOK FOR SAGGING ECONOMY. TOP BSPP LEADERS BOW OUT AS REFORMS TO TURN ECONOMY AROUND FAIL. NEW LEADERS, INCL PM, EXPECTED BE NAMED MARCH 20 UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEN PEOPLE'S ASSY CONVENES. ANNOUNCEMENT RAISES QUESTION: HAVE REFORMERS' EFFORTS MODERATE DOCTRINAIRE SOCIALIST COURSE BEEN UNDERMINED; WILL "NEW BLOOD" HELP REVIVE ECONOMY BY ENCOURAGING FOREIGN INVESTMENT/TECHNOLOGY? REVIEWS ATTEMPTS MODIFY SOCIALIST PATH SINCE NE WIN CAME TO POWER--ALL UNSUCCESSFUL. NOTES SUPREMACY PRES NE WIN, BUT SAYS ELITE IN PARTY/OFFICER CORPS HAVE VESTED INTEREST IN MAINTAINING RIGID/CENTRALIZED MIL-RULED STATE. MENTIONS NE WIN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

#### 16. KOREA

SUN'S SEIDEN (SEOUL) REPORTS ROKG WORRIED OVER US TROOP PULLOUT. QUOTES GOVT SPOKESMAN THAT IF US PULLS OUT, "WE WILL BE PUSHED INTO THE SEA." DESPITE BILLIONS IN US AID, ROKG SAYS NOT YET CAPABLE SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST NK/ITS ALLIES W/O US HELP. SEIDEN STATES QUESTION IS HOW MUCH US STRENGTH/HOW MANY AMERICANS MUST REMAIN IN SK TO KEEP US DEF COMMITMENT. IN EVENT WAR, SEOUL SAYS COULD HOLD ITS OWN ON GROUND, BUT NOT IN AIR; SK MIL ANALYSTS FIGURE NK HAS OVER 650 RUSSIAN-MADE MIGS--OVER 3 TIMES NUMBER US-MADE BOMBERS IN ROKAF.

IN EDIT ON CIA PAYMENTS, SF CHRON SAYS CERTAIN DENIALS BY FON GOVTS OF TAKING CIA PAYMENTS CARRY WEIGHT. CITES VENEZUELA'S PRES IN PARTICULAR, AND SAYS IT WOULD HAVE TO SEE EVIDENCE BEFORE IT WOULD BELIEVE OF VENEZUELA "WHAT IS EASY TO BELIEVE" OF SK.

FLANNERY CARTOON (SUN) SHOWS MAN W/HALO CARRYING "HOUSE ETHICS CODE" BACKED UP BY GHOST-LIKE MAN HOLDING SIGN "KOREAN SCANDALS." BOTH LOOKING INTO WASH MONUMENT REFLECTING POOL W/CAPTION "IMAGES...".

17. AUSTRALIA

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NEWMAN (WSJ) EXAMINES AUSTRALIA'S ATTEMPT BRIDGE GAP BETW WEST/3RD WORLD. REMARKS ON PEACOCK'S REVERSAL WHITLAM'S

#### POLICIES, INCL CLOSER MIL TIES W/US IN FORM CONSTRUCTION

NEW NAVAL FACILITY/LIFTING BAN ON US NUKE WARSHIPS VISITING AUSSIE PORTS/END TO OPPOSITION OVER US' DIEGO GARCIA BASE. STATES GOA NERVOUS OVER SOVIET ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN, WHICH OPPOSITION BRANDS AS MIRAGE. IN OTHER AREAS, NEWMAN NOTES TRADE COMMODITIES BRING AUSTRALIA/3RD WORLD TO-GETHER. BUT SINGAPORE'S LEE POINTS OUT LONG-TERM TRADE RELATIONSHIPS MUST BE BASED ON AUSTRALIA'S BUYING FROM. WELL AS SELLING TO 3RD WORLD. US FEELS STRONGLY SUPPOR-TIVE GOA. TRYING BETTER RELS W/DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD BE GREAT ASSET. NEWMAN SAYS AUSTRALIA'S CONTINUED NEARNESS TO INDONESIA MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER FOR CARTER WITHDRAW AID OVER HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS IN EAST TIMOR, AS AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM THERE WOULD MAKE US AID LESS NECESSARY. CONCLUDES PRIME TOPIC CONVERSATION BETW PEACOCK/VANCE IN WASHINGTON 3/25 WILL BE US' ASSURANCE CONTINUED COMMIT-MENT UNDER ANZUS.

#### 18. HUMAN RIGHTS

PAPERS STILL GIVE ISSUE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE/DISCUSSION, THO MOST EMPHASIZE AFFECT ON US-USSR RELS. LAT'S TOTH (IN GLOBE) SEES MOSCOW REFLECTING TENSION RIGHTS ISSUE; REPORTS OBSERVERS SAY BY PENALIZING NATIONS LIKE URUGUAY, BUT NOT SK, ADMIN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NATIONS OF GREATER NATL-SECURITY IMPORTANCE CAN BE TREATED "MORE GENTLY." TREWHITT (SUN) BELIEVES HUMAN RTS DEBATE CUTTING TOWARD HEART SUPERPOWER RELS, W/NEITHER US/USSR CERTAIN OF OUT-COME; SAYS SK MAY BE CLASSIC CASE AMBIGUITY W/US IN ANOMALOUS POSITION OF PASSIVITY TOWARD REPRESSIVE GOVT. ARTHUR SCHLESINGER (WSJ) ANALYZES ISSUE, SEES IT REPLACING SELF-DETERMINATION AS GUIDING VALUE US FOPOLICY; CALLS CARTER'S PROMOTION "CONSIDERABLE AND VERY SERIOUS SUCCESS," UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS DESK PILED HI W/LTRS FROM BRAVE PEOPLE IN PHILS/SK/OTHER COUNTRIES; REVIEWS PROBLEMS/CONTRADICTIONS.

#### 19. GENERAL

SUN NOTES REPORT ROBERT STRAUS WILL BE PRES' SPECIAL TRADE REP. REVIEWS PROBLEMS/REQUIREMENTS OF JOB. MENTIONS PROBLEMS INVOLVING SK/TAIWAN/JAPAN. RECOMMENDS ADMIN COMMIT SELF TO LIBERAL CONCEPTS IN MANAGEMENT WORLD COMMERCE. CHRISTOPHER

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